

Connecting the dots.....

Stories of change: Women in local government

Setting new goals

Summary

Anna Mbingo, accountant, Manzini City Council, Manzini, Eswatini
Project participation: Women in Local Government network and mentor

By offering to be a mentor and share her skills, accountant Anna Mbingo has not only set her young entrepreneur mentee on the right track, but has found the experience invaluable in managing her own life, and setting new personal and business goals.

Background and aims

Manzini is a commercial hub in Swaziland. As an experienced accountant working for the city council, Anna Mbingo decided to offer her skills as a woman's mentor when she heard about the Connecting the Dots project.

As Anna's mentee was a young entrepreneur, they focused on business management and development, which has helped both of them broaden their understanding of the issues.

As the programme took place during Covid restrictions, much of the communication and learning was online. This included motivational videos and videos on all issues of business management and development.

Impact

Anna has found that not only has it encouraged her mentee to look at things differently and set goals, but has also been of help to herself, within her own family, to encourage them all to set and achieve goals whether personal, career or business.

"The programme has been an eye-opener and a learning curve for me as well. I have learned a lot and been able to network with other women to explore many things," notes Anna.

Anna now intends to volunteer more of her time in future to help other women who need mentorship.

"I am very grateful to have been part of this project. It was a great journey. I would be very happy to be part of any future programmes," she concluded.

